

Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



2000–2005 Project Profile



United Tribes Technical College (UTTC)

UTTC was founded in 1969 by an intertribal organization, the United Tribes of North Dakota Development Corporation. UTTC's Injury Prevention Program is the only undergraduate program of its kind in the nation. Website: <http://www.uttcc.edu/>.

Injury Topics addressed in IP curriculum and student activities from 2000-2005

(in order of intensity)

Child Passenger Safety

Seatbelt Safety

Alcohol-related Motor Vehicle Crash Safety

Roadway Safety

Suicide Prevention

Fire/Burn Safety

Intimate Partner Violence Prevention

Injury Prevention Program Staff



Dennis Renville

Tenure: 8/1/2000 – 8/30/2005

Training: IHS Levels I–III IP Courses, Epi Info, IHS IP Epidemiology Fellowship, Tribal Steering Committee Member



Larry Carlson, On-Line Instructor

Training: IHS Levels I–II IP Courses, Epi Info, IHS IP Epidemiology Fellowship, Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician, On-line Courses



Michelle Schoenwald, Residential Instructor

Training: IHS Levels I–II IP Courses, Epi Info, CPS Technician



Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

ND Department of Transportation • Fire Department • Police Department • Businesses • Advisory Boards members • Tribal and Government Officials • Social Service Agencies • FEMA • Indian Health Service • Bureau of Indian Affairs

Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

Program Activities

- Expanded the Injury Prevention Program curriculum.
- Created an on-line Injury Prevention Program.
- Conducted a CPS course for UTTC IP students.
- Established practicum experiences for students.
- Developed culturally appropriate infant car seat pamphlet.
- Course instructors are pursuing Master's Degrees in Public Health.

Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP:

- Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (internship program).
- FEMA (to develop on-line course specific to AI).
- EMS-C (apprenticeships and training activities).
- NHTSA, CDC-P, Office of Minority Health, NDDOT, Colorado Injury Control Research Center, SDEMS-C.

Presentations Given to Promote AI/AN Injury Prevention:

- Held an Annual Native American Lifesaver's Conference at United Tribes Technical College.
- Senate and Congressional Hearings in Washington, DC.
- Aberdeen Tribal Chairman's Health Board.

